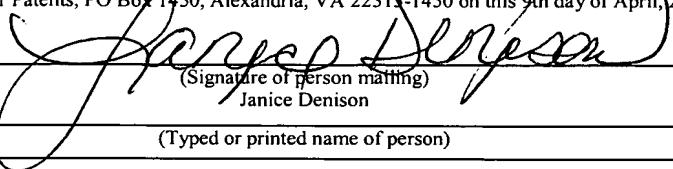


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2004, Applicants answer as follows.

Remarks

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-3, 14, and 15 drawn to isolated proteinaceous molecules) with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that it would not be an undue burden on the Examiner to search all of the claims of this application at once. All of the claims are drawn to the same protein, it's encoding DNA, or methods of using the same. As such, it would not be an undue burden upon the Examiner to search all claims simultaneously.

Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that at least the claims of Groups I and II should be recombined, as it clearly will be necessary to search using all of the polypeptide and polynucleotide sequences no matter which group is elected. In other words, in order to